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4U1UN, UNITED NATIONS HQ. Fritz, DL4TT, has informed OPDX that he will be in New York City from July 27th to August 20th. In this period he will try to operate on several days from the UN headquarters club station. When these dates are scheduled, the exact dates will be announced on the PacketClusters. The mode will be CW and an emphasis will be taken on working "weak stations". Fritz states, "Please avoid any dupes. In case you have logged the same band and mode at an earlier opportunity, give others a chance! As in the past, QSLing of 4U1UN will not be in the hand of the individual operator."

4X, ISRAEL. Dave, W5WP, will be here **July 2-20th**, operating from the QTH of 4X6RD as **4X/W5WP**. His initial operation will be on 10/15/20 meters. If a G5RV can be installed, his operation will be expanded to include the WARC band and 40/80 meters. Operations will be on SSB, CW and possibly (if he can get his laptop configured) PSK31. PLEASE NOTE: Dave states that he is NOT one of the great CW ops; patience will be required!!! This is an operating vacation, not a DXpedition! Participation in the IARU contest is planned. All QSLs including SWL will be answered; direct via CBA with SASE. QSL Bureau is fine. Please DO NOT send cards to the Israel bureau! Although he is a member of the IARC, he does not live there. (Also, see "IOTA NEWS...")

5H3US, NEWS RELEASE. Dave Heil, K8MN, active for the past two years as 5H3US in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, is pulling the plug on a decade-and-a-half of DXing and contesting which resulted in over 230,000 QSOs from various spots. Dave and his Finnish XYL Leila leave for the U.S. on June 16th on a permanent basis and will spend the next month relaxing at their rural West Virginia home. Dave promises that a book on his travels is in the works.

The Heils met in 1986 during Dave's first assignment to Helsinki. They married in Guinea-Bissau in early 1989. Dave's subsequent Foreign Service assignments took them to Sierra Leone and Botswana. The couple took a needed break from Africa from mid-1995 through mid-1998 to return to Finland over the solar minimum.

Dave's ex-calls include OH2 and OH0/K8MN, J52US, 9L1US, A22MN. He was also a member of the 1986 OH0MD/OJ0 team which featured OH2BH, OH2BAZ, OH0MA, OH0RJ, W6EUF and K8MFO. QSL manager WA8JOC still holds logs for all of Dave's operations.

5R, MADAGASCAR. The "DX News Letter" reports that Sigi, DJ4IJ, is working in Madagascar and hopes to become active sometime **between now and June 17th**. Meanwhile, **5R8FU** has been active on 20 meters SSB between 1100 and 1330z.

7P8AA LESOTHO DXPEDITION 2000. Hans-Juergen Bartels, DL1YFF, team leader of the 7P8AA DXpedition to Lesotho (Please refer to OPDX.457), wants to remind everyone that the 7P8AA DXpedition will take place in July. They will leave from Frankfurt **July 2nd** and return **July 23rd**. They plan to be on the air from 160-6 meters in SSB, CW and RTTY. You can see more information on their Website: http://www.qsl.net/7p8aa/

D4, CAPE VERDE ISLANDS. "The 59(9) DX Report" reports that Jose, EA8EE, will be active **November 6-12th** as **D44DX**. His activity will include 6 meters.

E41, PALESTINE. Jess, KR4OJ, has recently talked with David, E41/OK1DTP, on June 2nd (on 21335 kHz at 1440z) and David reported that he is working at a school in Palestine and will be there **until July 2001**. Jess states that he looked up David (under OK1DTP) on QRZ.COM (http://www.qrz.com), and noticed that he had an E-mail address (ok1dtp@hotmail.com). It also shows a neat picture of his QSL card. Jess dropped him an E-Mail, and told him that he still needs E41. So, David wrote him back and set up a sked. David said that he will continue to be available, on the air (from the school), each Friday, and if anyone needs E41, drop him an E-Mail and he will set up a sked, SSB or CW. QSLs are handled by his father, Jiri Lunak, OK1TD, U Sporky 185, 470 01 Ceska Lipa, Chech Republic. David was spotted this past weekend on 21020 kHz between 1700 and 1800z.

HC/HC8, ECUADOR & GALAPAGOS DX AWARDS. Dr. Rick Dorsch, NE8Z/HC1MD, has announced two new DX awards available to Amateur Radio Operators and Short Wave Listeners worldwide. These awards have beed developed to recognize all past, present and future DX operations from Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. Both multicolored diplomas (8.5 x 11 inches/21.5 x 28cm) are of very high quality and were printed by "Octavia" (RA6YR). The full color diplomas and award rules can be viewed at: http://www.octavia.com/qsl/awards.htm

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-043**. Takeshi, JI3DST, will be active as **JI3DST/1** on **Nanpo Island** (Hachizyou-Shima) at Hachizyou-Cyo, Tokyo, from 0700z, **June 17th** through 0000z, **June 20th**. Activity will be on 17/15/12/10 meters SSB. QSL via the JARL Bureau (BUREAU is BEST) or direct to (1 IRC is best, Please don't send USD) JI3DST (7N3UXO): Takeshi Funaki, 2-18-26 Hannan-cho Abeno-ku Osaka-city, OSAKA 545-0021 JAPAN
- **AS-100**. Dave, W5WP, if possible will try to activate **Akhziv Island** as **4X/W5WP**. Due to the time of the year (propagation wise) and low power operation (Dave will be taking an ICOM IC706MKII), Dave would appreciated if some of his more enthusiastic European brethren would allow him a clear shot to North America when he requests it.
- EU-136. A little team of club members from the "MOM Radioclub" (9A/HA5KFV, HA5KKW, HA5FA, HA5CYE, HA7WFG) will be activating the Croatian Island called

- "KRK Island", June 17-24th. Activity will be on 80-2 meters CW/SSB/SSTV.
- EU-140. Toru, JR3QHQ, will be active as OH5/JR3QHQ/p from Porvoo Island and Kaunissaari Island July 4-5th. Activity will be on 20/17/ 15/12/10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via the JARL Bureau (BUREAU is BEST) or direct (1 IRC or USD) to JR3QHQ: Toru Tanaka, 3-6-14 Jonan Ikeda-City, OSAKA 563-00 25 JAPAN. E-mail address: jr3qhq@jarl.com

J7, DOMINICA. Reports state George, K5KG, plans to be active here **July 1-11th** and plans to participate in the **IARU Championship Contest**. However, no callsign was mentioned.

KH5K, KINGMAN REEF (and KH5, PALMYRA ATOLL). The Kingman/Palmyra DX Group (KPDXG) is proud to announce the core team for its planned Kingman Reef 2000 DXpedition in October:

Bob Allphin, K4UEE
Harry Booklan, RA3AUU
Chuck Brady, N4BQW
Kimo Chun, KH7U
Pat Guerin, NH6UY
Tom Harrell, N4XP
Al Hernandez, K3VN

Dave Johnson, WB4JTT Jari Jussila, OH2BU Franz Langner, DJ9ZB Garry Shapiro, NI6T Ned Stearns, AA7A Vrata Vaverka, OK1KT

They are also pleased to announce the appointment of Klaus Wagner, DL1XX, as European pilot, and Don Greenbaum, N1DG, as Webmaster. They plan at least four stations and coverage from 160 through 6 meters. Details will be provided as October approaches. Transportation costs to this remote location will be considerable; contributions of any size to defray the costs of this DXpedition will be greatly appreciated. Please send yours to: Tom Harrell, N4XP, 2011 New High Schoals Road, Watkinsville, GA 30677.

They shall continue to man Palmyra Atoll, KH5, over the summer. To date, their efforts have focussed upon assisting The Nature Conservancy's purchase of the atoll, which has limited amateur radio operations. However, they anticipate that operating opportunities will increase in the near future. QSL all KPDXG operations to K4TSJ.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Tom, SP5AUC (aka **3W7CW**), is reportedly back in Warszawa, Poland, from Vietnam for a 2 month holiday. Rys, SP5EWY, states that Tom will fix all the problems with his P.O. Box in Warszawa this week, so if you need a QSL from him you can send SASE to: Tom Rogowski, P.O. Box 11, 02-800 Warszawa, POLAND. IMPORTANT: Tom is not a member of the PZK and can not get QSLs via Bureau.
- **4W QSLs**. It has been reported that the **4W6/VK2QF** cards are coming out from Neville. It's reportedly a nice photo QSL card. Meanwhile, Leo, CT1CSN, reports that Antonio, **4W6GH** (CT1EGH), is coming home in August and intends to reply to all who sent him a card by then. He says that all cards will be out by the end of September at the latest.
- Charly, K4VUD, provided the following QSL status for his 9N7UD, V26V, XW1UD and HS0ZCW operations:
 - "9N1UD and 9N7UD: Totally caught up on direct QSLs. Sent bureau QSLs to all contacted in 1998. I am hundreds behind on other bureau QSLs. Chipping away slowly. Full DXCC credit on both calls to date."

- "XW1UD: Totally caught up on direct QSLs. Few requests have come via bureau to date and I am behind on them. ARRL DXCC desk has seen all my XW paperwork documentation... I await their decision on this one."
- "HS0ZCW: Same as XW1UD concerning QSLs. Full DXCC credit on this one to date."
- "V26V: All QSLs done to date."
- "For Moral...if you need a card from any one of these calls send direct, with SASE is best, to K4VUD...Callbook good back to 1991. Note... I handle no NO other DX call signs. Thanks to all, especially those making a donation. 73, K4VUD Charly "
- Radio Club Station CS1GDX/p was be active on HF bands over the past weekend during the Portugal Day Contest. This operation is valid for the DCFP (Castles and Fortress Portuguese Award) from the Alcoutim Castle. QSL via bureau or direct via P.O.Box 56, 2736-901 Cacem, Portugal.
- Chris, KG6AR/4, is the QSL Manager for the following stations: **EO55JM**, **UU2JZ**, **FO8DX** (97 ONLY), **ZF2JI** and a new station **EM3J**. His new mailing address is: Chris Williams, KG6AR/4, 220 Woods Landing LN., Callaway, VA. 24067.
- The **BQ9P** 2000 logs are available for searching via E-mail thanks to Tim, N4GN, who graciously offered to put the logs up on his web site and has developed the software to provide the email log searching. To use this log search, send an E-mail message to: bq9p-log@n4gn.com ONLY put the callsign you wish to search in the "Subject" line, and NOTHING else on that line. The callsign must be exactly as you gave it to the BQ9P operator, for example, KU9C and KU9C/2 will result in two separate searches, and different results. You will receive an E-mail shortly with a response to your query. Please note: If the E-mail you receive does not correspond to your log, feel free to E-mail Steve, KU9C, at: ku9c@arrl.net, or follow the instructions in the E-mail response, which will be forwarded to him. If you have already submitted cards, Steve will search the logs for you based on cards submitted, so there is no need to send an E-mail, it will be researched auto-matically. The cards for BQ9P have not been printed yet; the color photo was just received. Steve will post an E-mail when cards start to go out.
- Jorge, CX6VM, was active in both the CQ WPX SSB and CW Contest with the special callsign "CW6V". QSL via W3HNK: Joseph Arcure JR., P.O. Box 73, Edgemont, PA 19028 USA. Jorge request that you only QSL to the manager and not to his home address (from the CBA). W3HNK is also the manager for CX6VM and CX5X.
- Holger, DL7IO, informs OPDX that the German team active on Poel Island made about 3600 QSOs under the DF0RR/p callsign and about 350 with the training callsign DN1JC/p. QSL via the Bureau.
- Sergey ("Jack"), RA3SL, reports that station **R1AND** has 3 QSL Managers; all are OK! You can QSL via one of the three:
 - via DL5EBE later 22-11-99 (op. Victor)
 - via NT2X later 22-11-99 (op. Mike)
 - o or via Mike, RW1AI (ex-UA1AFM, R1AND, R1ANP)

Mike, RW1AI, has returned home now and can also confirm QSLs (w/SASE) for the follwing: R1AND from 03-May-1999 until 24-December-1999; R1ANP from 03-January-2000 until 14-March-2000. RW1AI's address is: Mike Fokin, P.O. Box 2, St.Petersburg, 195009 Russia

• UNOLL QSL MANAGER. Ron, ND5S, reports that he is the QSL Manager for Vlad Gleyser, UNOLL. However, the last contact Ron had was on January 23rd from his wife Hilena who reported that Vlad was quite sick and in the hospital. Ron has tried to

correspond with the Gleysers since that time with no luck. Does anyone have a current E-mail address for Vlad? He has been known in the past to change ISPs. Ron has Vlad's logs from the 10 meter contest held October 30-31, 1999, and some sporadic log information before that. He has answered all the QSL requests - direct and bureau - that he can, based on the logs that he has. He is holding several more QSLs and is awaiting for logs and/or contact confirmation from Vlad. Any help you can give him to get this message to Vlad would be appreciated. Ron, ND5S, E-mail address is: nd5s@ix.netcom.com Visit his Web page at: http://www.qsl.net/nd5s/

• Dimitry, UT5UGR, reports that he has the log and QSL cards for **4K1F** (South Shetland Islands). QSL via: Dimitry Stashuk, P.O. Box 115, Kiev-147, 02147, Ukraine.

VP2E, ANGUILLA. Jim, WB2REM, will be active using a "four letter suffix" callsign **VP2EREM** from **July 1-12th**. He will operate 160-10 meters. QSL via WB2REM.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS. Look for Carlo, I4ALU, to be active from Jody's, VP5JM, QTH on the **Providenciales** as **VP5/I4ALU**, **August 14-28th**. Activity will be on all HF bands CW only. QSL via I4ALU.

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLANDS. Dale, W4QM, will once again be active as **VQ4QM** from **Diego Garcia**. He will be active for 4-5 months starting in **mid-late July**, mainly CW. QSL via W4QM.

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http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/opdx.html

ALSO VISIT THE NORTHERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE: http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html

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